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KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas man has been sentenced in federal court for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Raymond “Cory” Herndon, 32, of Wea, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs on Oct. 29, 2004, to 11 years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On April 29, 2004, **Herndon** pleaded guilty to conspiring with **Cortney Longie**, 22, and **John W. Dickinson**, 42, both of Cleveland, Mo., and **James A. Irvin**, 43, of Westline, Mo., in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine from Aug. 1, 2001, to Aug. 30, 2002. **Herndon** admitted that he was in possession of a number of components associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine – including 16 blister packs containing pseudoephedrine, a shaker jug containing methamphetamine in a liquid – while occupying a hotel room in Kansas City on Aug. 17, 2001.

Herndon also admitted that on May 2, 2002, law enforcement officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle occupied by himself and **Longie** at the intersection of Blue Ridge Boulevard and Gregory Boulevard. **Herndon** was in possession of a .357 Magnum, as well as pseudoephedrine pills and other items that were intended for use in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

On June 29, 2002, **Herndon** admitted, he purchased boxes of pseudoephedrine intended for use in the manufacture of methamphetamine from the Target store in Lee’s Summit.

On Aug. 30, 2002, law enforcement officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle occupied by **Herndon** and **Longie** in Miami County, Kan. **Herndon** admitted that the vehicle contained a number of components necessary for the manufacture of methamphetamine –

including several boxes of pseudoephedrine pills.

Three co-defendants have pleaded guilty and await sentencing.

Longie pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy on Aug. 3, 2004.

Dickinson pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, on Aug. 9, 2004.

Irwin pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, on Aug. 10, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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